

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraphs [0006], [0007], [0027] and [0037] with the following amended paragraphs:

[0006] One such system which is used is the Clean Shopper® baby/toddler grocery cart seat cover sold by Babe Ease, LLC of Pelham, New Hampshire. GeniusBabies.com. The Clean Shopper® cover is a cotton, quilted grocery cart cover that fits over the entire front portion of the grocery cart which is ordinarily used to seat an infant or small child. In this way, a toddler may be seated in the grocery cart without being exposed to the cart's contaminated surface.

[0007] One drawback to the Clean Shopper® cover is that the cotton or quilted material from which it is constructed is porous. As such, the Clean Shopper® cover is prone to having the contaminants transferred to the Clean Shopper® cover from the cart's surface during each use, thereby contaminating the Clean Shopper® cover. Another drawback is that the ~~clean-shopper~~ Clean Shopper cover does not cover the entire shopping cart. Thus, the contaminants which are present in the cart's basket, for example, may be transferred to the items transported on the basket's surface.

[0027] Where required, the system user may interact with the system via any input device such as, a keypad, keyboard, control panel, mouse, personal digital assistant, handheld computer (*e.g.*, Palm Pilot®, Blackberry® device ~~Blueberry®~~), cellular phone and/or the like). Similarly, the invention could be used in conjunction with any type of personal computer, network computer, work station, minicomputer, mainframe, or the like, running any operating system such as any version of Windows, Windows NT, Windows

2000, Windows 98, Windows 95, MacOS, OS/2, BeOS, Linux, UNIX, Solaris, or the like, by interfacing the control panel, described below, with, for example, a conventional user computer. One skilled in the art will understand the modifications necessary to include the aforementioned systems in the present invention. In that regard, the modifications are considered within the scope of the present invention.

[0037] ~~The~~ As can be seen in Figure 4, the system 102 may include a plurality of disinfecting stages 418, 420, 422 configured to wash (stage 418), disinfect (stage 420) and/or dry (stage 422) the cart 104. Each stage may include a set of nozzles 412, which may be connected to a set of irrigation tubes 414, which may further be connected to a fluid delivery source 416. In one exemplary embodiment, the disinfecting stages may additionally be positioned at any location in the enclosure 444, including the enclosure side walls, ceiling or floor. ~~As can be seen in Figure 4, the~~ The stages may be repeated in the enclosure floor to ensure that the underside of the cart 104 is subjected to the disinfecting process.